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GENERAL REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES IN ENGLAND

Part 1 - Revised provisional recommendations for Hampshire

Part 2 - Local Inquiry into the Commissions recommendations for
Hampshire

PART 1

Provisional recommendations for parliamentary constituencies in the county of Hampshire were published on Thursday 6 February 1992 as part of the general review of parliamentary constituency boundaries announced by the Boundary Commission for England on 21 February 1991. The Commission proposed that Hampshire should be represented by seventeen constituencies (two more than the present number) and were required to consider representations about their provisional recommendations made within one month of local publication.

A number of representations received by the Commission stated that the Commission had not taken account of the Basingstoke and Deane (Electoral Arrangements) Order which would come into force on 7 May 1992 and requested that the Commission should reconsider their provisional recommendations to take account of the new ward structure. The Order had the effect, inter alia, of abolishing the existing thirty-four Basingstoke and Deane Borough wards and the creation of twenty-five new wards. The creation of the new ward structure left the ward of Oakley and North Waltham together with that of Upton Grey traversing the boundary of the Commission's provisionally recommended constituencies of Basingstoke and Winchester. In view of the Commission's long standing policy of not creating constituencies which split wards the Commission have decided therefore to publish revised provisional recommendations based on the new ward structure.

The revised provisional recommendations, with explanation, are set out below and are also shown on the attached outline map together with the ward electorate for Hampshire on which the Commission are required by law to work.

In their reconsideration of the County the Commission were again required to take account of the rules contained within the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, which in summary have the following effect. County and London Borough boundaries are to be followed as far as practicable. Subject to these requirements, the electorates of constituencies are to be as nearly equal as possible, but the Commission can depart from these rules if special geographical considerations make this desirable, or if changes cause inconveniences or break local ties.

In respect of their revised provisional recommendations, the Commission were again mindful of the large electorate contained within Basingstoke and Deane Borough (1991 electorate of 110,103), but recognised that the creation of two whole constituencies contained within the Borough would have resulted in both being well below the average of all seats in the county of 70,039. They therefore concluded, as they had done for the purposes of the previous provisional recommendations, that a number of the Borough wards would have to be placed within an adjoining constituency with wards of one or more neighbouring districts. The Commission considered the possibility of minimising change to their previous provisional recommendations by effecting revision only to the boundaries of the proposed Basingstoke and Winchester constituencies. However, this would have resulted in a substantial widening of the disparity between the two constituencies; a Basingstoke electorate well above that previously provisionally recommended and further still above the county average; and a Winchester electorate well below that previously provisionally recommended and further still below the county average.

The Commission further concluded that the electorates of the Basingstoke and Winchester constituencies could be brought much nearer to the county average if the boundaries of the previous provisionally recommended constituency of North West Hampshire and that of Eastleigh and Romsey were also revised. Consequently, the Commission decided that a revised Basingstoke constituency should comprise mainly the new urban wards of the town of Basingstoke, together with the new Upton Grey ward to the south of the town.

The Commission also decided that the two new Basingstoke and Deane Borough wards of Calleva and Sherborne St John to the north of the town should be included within a revised constituency of North West Hampshire, and that the two new Basingstoke and Deane Borough wards of Oakley and North Waltham and Overton and Laverstoke be transferred from the previous provisionally recommended constituency of Winchester to North West Hampshire. Seven of the Test Valley Borough wards to the south and west of Andover are transferred to a revised Winchester constituency. Basingstoke and Deane Borough is therefore divided between two constituencies rather than three as originally recommended.

The Commission further decided that a revised Winchester constituency should comprise those City of Winchester wards as

previously provisionally recommended, the seven Test Valley Borough wards transferred from the provisionally recommended North West Hampshire constituency and the Test Valley Borough ward of Kings Somborne and Michelmersh (transferred from the previous provisionally recommended Eastleigh and Romsey seat). Winchester is therefore revised from the previous provisional recommendations by including part of Test Valley Borough rather than part of Basingstoke and Deane Borough. Eastleigh and Romsey is revised from the previous provisional recommendations solely by the transfer of the Kings Somborne and Michelmersh ward to Winchester.

The composition of the four revised constituencies would be (1991 electorate in brackets):

BASINGSTOKE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (68,950) The Borough of Basingstoke and Deane wards: Basing, Brighton Hill, Brookvale, Buckskin, Chineham, Eastrop, Grove, Hatch Warren, Kempshott, Norden, Popley, South Ham, Upton Grey, Winklebury.

EASTLEIGH AND ROMSEY COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (68,258) The Borough of Eastleigh wards: Bishopstoke, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh Central, Eastleigh North, Eastleigh South, Eastleigh West, Hiltingbury East, Hiltingbury West; and the Borough of Test Valley wards: Abbey, Chilworth and Nursling, Cuppernam, Field, North Baddesley, Romsey Extra, Tadburn.

NORTH WEST HAMPSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (69,509) The Borough of Basingstoke and Deane wards: Baughurst and Heath End, Burghclere, Calleva, East Woodhay, Highclere and Bourne, Kingsclere, Oakley and North Waltham, Overton and Laverstoke, Sherborne St John, Tadley, Whitchurch; and the Borough of Test Valley wards: Alamein, Bourne Valley, Harroway, Millway, St Mary's, Winton.

WINCHESTER COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (69,717) The Borough of Test Valley wards: Anna, Harewood, Kings Somborne and Michelmersh, Nether Wallop and Broughton, Over Wallop, Stockbridge, Tedworth, Weyhill; and the City of Winchester wards: Badger Farm, Bishops Sutton, Cheriton, Compton, Itchen Valley, Littleton, Micheldever, New Alresford, Olivers Battery, Otterbourne and Hursley, Owslebury and Colden Common, St Barnabas, St Bartholomew, St John and All Saints, St Luke, St Michael, St Paul, Sparsholt, The Worthys, Twyford, Upper Meon Valley, Wonston.

The provisional recommendations for the remainder of the Hampshire constituencies will remain unchanged, as follows (1991 electorate in brackets):

(a) that no alteration be made in the boundaries of the following constituencies :

GOSPORT BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (69,859)
PORTSMOUTH SOUTH BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (77,258)
SOUTHAMPTON ITCHEN BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (72,621)
SOUTHAMPTON TEST BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (73,722)

(b) that the composition of the new constituencies would be :

ALDERSHOT COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (75,321) The Borough of Rushmoor; and the District of Hart wards: Frogmore and Darby Green, Hawley, Yateley East, Yateley North, Yateley West.

EAST HAMPSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (73,748) The East Hampshire District wards: Alton-Holybourne, Alton North East, Alton North West, Alton South East, Alton South West and Beech, Clanfield and Buriton, East Meon and Langrish, Farringdon, Four Marks, Froxfield and Steep, Horndean-Catherington, Horndean-Hazleton, Horndean-Kings, Horndean Murray, Liss, Medstead, North Downland, Petersfield-Heath, Petersfield-St Mary's, Petersfield-St Peter's, Ropley and West Tisted, Rowlands Castle, The Hangers; and The Borough of Havant wards: Cowplain, Hart Plain, Waterloo.

FAREHAM COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (66,082) The Borough of Fareham wards: Fareham East, Fareham North, Fareham North West, Fareham South, Fareham West, Locks Heath, Porchester Central, Porchester East, Porchester West, Sarisbury, Titchfield, Warsash.

HAVANT BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (68,530) The Borough of Havant wards: Barncroft, Battins, Bedhampton, Bondfields, Emsworth, Hayling East, Hayling West, Purbrook, Stakes, St Faith's, Warren Park.

MEON VALLEY COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (71,769) The City of Southampton ward: Woolston; The Borough of Eastleigh wards: Botley, Burlesdon, Fair Oak, Hamble, Hedge End St John's, Hedge End Wildern, Hound, West End North, West End South; and The City of Winchester wards: Bishops Waltham, Boarhunt and Southwick, Curdridge, Denmead, Droxford Soberton and Hambledon, Durlay and Upham, Shedfield, Swanmore, Waltham Chase, Wickham.

NEW FOREST EAST COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (65,609) The District of New Forest wards: Blackfield and Langley, Colbury, Copythorne South, Dibden and Hythe North, Dibden Purlieu, Fawley Holbury, Forest North, Forest South, Hythe South, Lyndhurst, Marchwood, Netley Marsh, Totton North, Totton Central, Totton South; and The Borough of Test Valley wards: Blackwater, Dun Valley.

NEW FOREST WEST COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (68,214) The District of New Forest wards: Barton, Bashley, Becton, Bransgrove and Sopley, Brockenhurst, Boldre, Downlands, Fordingbridge, Forest North West, Forest West, Hordle, Lymington Town, Milford, Milton, Pennington, Ringwood North, Ringwood South, Sway.

NORTH EAST HAMPSHIRE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (65,880) The District of East Hampshire wards: Binstead, Bramshott and Liphook, Froyle and Bentley, Grayshott, Headley, Selborne, Whitehill-Bordon and Whitehill, Whitehill-Lindford; and The District of Hart wards: Eversley, Church Crookham, Crondall, Fleet Courtmoor, Fleet Pondtail, Fleet West, Hartley Wintney, Hook, Long Sutton, Odiham, Whitewater.

PORTSMOUTH NORTH BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (65,614) The City of Portsmouth wards: Copnor, Cosham, Drayton and Farlington, Hilsea, Nelson, Paulsgrove.

Inspection of revised provisional recommendations

A copy of the revised provisional recommendations, with a map illustrating the proposals, together with the original provisional recommendations may be inspected at the places set out at the end of this news release. The documents will be available for public inspection from 2 July 1992.

Representations

The Commission are required to consider representations about their revised provisional recommendations made within one month of local publication. These representations should be addressed to The Secretary, Boundary Commission for England, St Catherines House, 10 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6JP and must be made no later than 2 August 1992.

Where representations objecting to the revised provisional recommendations are made by an interested local authority or by a body of 100 or more electors, the Commission cannot proceed with their final recommendations to the Home Secretary until a local inquiry has been held. If after an inquiry the Commission decide to alter their recommendations, the modified recommendations must also be published, but a further local inquiry is not obligatory.

Implementation of the recommendations

The Commission must submit their report on the general review for the whole of England to the Home Secretary between 1 February 1993 and 31 January 1998. It is the Home Secretary's duty to lay the Commission's report before Parliament together with a draft Order in Council giving effect to the recommendations with or without modifications. The draft Order is submitted to both Houses of Parliament for approval and, after it is made, the new constituencies take effect at the next general election. Notice of the Government's intention to introduce legislation in respect of the work of the Boundary Commissions was given in the Queen's speech on 6 May. Until amending legislation has been enacted by Parliament, the Commission will proceed with the general review to the current requirements contained in the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986.

PART 2

Local Inquiry

Representations already made about the Commission's previous provisional recommendations for Hampshire have required the holding of a local inquiry under the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986. The inquiry will be held in public and any interested person, whether a supporter of or an objector to the Commission's original, or revised proposals, may attend and be heard. The inquiry will be conducted by the Assistant Commissioner, Michael Guy Vicat Harrison, Queen's Counsel, 2 Harcourt Buildings, 2nd Floor, Temple, London EC4Y 9DB. It will open on:

**MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 1992 AT 10.30AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM,
ASHBURTON COURT EAST, THE CASTLE, WINCHESTER.**

It should be noted that any representations made about the revised provisional recommendations (see Part 1) will be also be heard at the inquiry.

The previous provisional and revised provisional recommendations, copies of representations made to the Commission (together with a summary), a statement which will be made at the inquiry and a leaflet outlining the purpose and procedure of the inquiry will be open for public inspection from 24 August 1992 at:

ALRESFORD	County Library, 20 Broad Street, Alresford.
ALTON	Alton Library, Vicarage Road, Alton.
ANDOVER	Test Valley Borough Council Offices, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover.
BASINGSTOKE	Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Offices, London Road, Basingstoke.
BISHOPS WALTHAM	County Library, Bank Street, Bishops Waltham.
EASTLEIGH	Eastleigh Borough Council Offices, Leigh Road, Eastleigh.
FAREHAM	Fareham Borough Council Offices, Civic Way, Fareham.
FARNBOROUGH	Rushmoor Borough Council Offices, Farnborough Road, Farnborough.
FLEET	Hart District Council Offices, Harlington Way, Fleet.
GOSPORT	Gosport Borough Council Offices, Town Hall, Gosport.
HAVANT	Havant Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre Road, Havant.
LOCKS HEATH	Locks Heath Library, Lockswood District Centre, Locks Heath.
LYMINGTON	Town Hall, Avenue Road, Lymington.
LYNDHURST	New Forest District Council Offices, Appletree Court, Lyndhurst.
PETERSFIELD	East Hampshire District Council Offices, Penns Place, Petersfield.

PORTSMOUTH	Portsmouth City Council Civic Offices, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth. Cosham Library, Spur Road, Cosham, Portsmouth.
RINGWOOD	Public Offices, Christchurch Road, Ringwood.
ROMSEY	Test Valley Borough Council Offices, Duttons Road, Romsey.
SOUTHAMPTON	Eastern Branch Library, Bittern Road, Southampton. Shirley Branch Library, Shirley Road, Southampton. Weston Branch Library, Weston Lane, Southampton. Municipal Offices, Civic Centre, Southampton.
TOTTEN	Civic Centre, Totton.
WINCHESTER	Winchester City Council Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester.

For further information please contact: The Parliamentary
Boundary Commission for England, St Catherines House, 10
Kingsway, London, WC2B 6JP.

HAMPSHIRE ELECTORATES TO BE USED THROUGHOUT REVIEW

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE	110103	BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE (continued)	
(Wards used for previous provisional recommendations published 6 February 1992)		Calleva	6357
		Chineham	4277
		Eastrop	3593
		East Woodhay	1924
Basing	9335	Grove	4451
Baughurst	1904	Hatch Warren	4399
Black Dam	1984	Highclere and Bourne	2286
Bramley	1779	Kempshott	5671
Brighton Hill	5098	Kingsclere	3934
Buckskin	3430	Norden	5339
Burghclere	1800	Oakley and North Waltham	5790
Chapel	1547	Overton and Laverstoke	3234
Daneshill	3917	Popley	6661
Eastrop	2787	Sherbourne St John	1846
East Woodhay	3212	South Ham	5849
Farleigh Wallop	4610	Tadley	6230
Kempshott	4765	Upton Grey	2081
Kingsclere	3695	Whitchurch	3604
King's Furlong	4072	Winklebury	5774
Norden	4637		
North Waltham	1725	EAST HAMPSHIRE	77302
Oakley	4531	Alton-Holybourne	1747
Overton	3234	Alton North East	3176
Pamber	2155	Alton North West	2410
Popley	3065	Alton South East	1248
Sherborne St John	1740	Alton South West and Beech	3784
Sherfield on Loddon	1344	Binsted	1315
Silchester	1078	Bramshott and Liphook	5476
South Ham	4163	Clanfield and Buriton	3568
St Mary Bourne	1285	East Meon and Langrish	1001
Tadley Central	2286	Farringdon	1017
Tadley North	2380	Four Marks	2158
Tadley South	3944	Froyle and Bentley	1336
Upton Grey	2145	Froxfield and Steep	1175
Viables	3236	Grayshott	1755
Westside	4137	Headley	4103
Whitchurch	3420	Horndean-Catherington	2801
Winklebury	5663	Horndean-Hazleton	1702
		Horndean-Kings	2526
		Horndean-Murray	2059
BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE	110103	Liss	4383
(New wards created by the Borough of Basingstoke and Deane (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1992, used for revised provisional recommendations)		Medstead	1517
		North Downland	1075
		Petersfield-Heath	2230
		Petersfield-St Mary'	4066
		Petersfield-St Peter	3614
Basing	5802	Ropley and West Tisted	1271
Baughurst and Heath End	4045	Rowlands Castle	2202
Brighton Hill	6221	Selborne	1618
Brookvale	4280	The Hangers	1033
Buckskin	4552	Whitehill-Bordon and Whitehill	8247
Burghclere	1903		

EAST HAMPSHIRE (continued)		HART	59882
Whitehill-Lindford	1689	Church Crookham	4829
		Cron dall	3629
EASTLEIGH	81123	Eversley	1139
		Fleet Courtmoor	5392
Bishopstoke	7392	Fleet Pondtail	5194
Botley	3742	Fleet West	5881
Bursledon	4307	Frogmore and Darby Green	4281
Chandler's Ford	4831	Hartley Wintney	4343
Eastleigh Central	4304	Hawley	3879
Eastleigh North	6557	Hook	4449
Eastleigh South	3838	Long Sutton	1038
Eastleigh West	5739	Odiham	3320
Fair Oak	5936	Whitewater	1127
Hamble	2683	Yateley East	3500
Hedge End St John's	4631	Yateley North	3253
Hedge End Wildern	5501	Yateley West	4628
Hiltingbury East	4296		
Hiltingbury West	4440	HAVANT	90515
Hound	5281		
West End North	2621	Barncroft	4370
West End South	5024	Battins	5680
		Bedhampton	6104
		Bondfields	5323
FAREHAM	77335	Cowplain	6933
		Emsworth	7734
Fareham East	4979	Hart Plain	6954
Fareham North	4801	Hayling East	6045
Fareham North-West	5735	Hayling West	6132
Fareham South	4989	Purbrook	7060
Fareham West	5394	Stakes	8215
Hill Head	6182	St Faith's	6972
Locks Heath	10371	Warren Park	4895
Porchester Central	4568	Waterloo	8098
Porchester East	4104		
Porchester West	5670	NEW FOREST	128278
Sarisbury	4433		
Stubbington	5071	Barton	3340
Titchfield	5517	Bashley	5824
Warsash	5521	Becton	4920
		Blackfield and Langley	3655
GOSPORT	58606	Bransgrove and Sopley	3871
		Brockenhurst	2707
Alverstoke	7508	Boldre	1590
Anglesey	5257	Colbury	1750
Bridgemary	5224	Copythorne South	1527
Brockhurst	5793	Downlands	1466
Elson	5443	Dibden and Hythe North	6537
Hardway and Forton	5795	Dibden Purlieu	2543
Lee	5836	Fawley Holbury	6664
Leesland	5730	Fordingbridge	4618
Rowner	6287	Forest North West	2048
Town	5733	Forest North	1678
		Forest South	1816
		Forest West	4201

NEW FOREST (continued)

Hordle	3992
Hythe South	6044
Lymington Town	6760
Lyndhurst	2544
Marchwood	3314
Milford	4140
Milton	3752
Netley Marsh	1664
Pennington	4330
Ringwood North	3634
Ringwood South	4330
Sway	2691
Totton North	6990
Totton Central	9169
Totton South	4169

PORTSMOUTH

	142872
Charles Dickens	10568
Copnor	11474
Cosham	9372
Drayton and Farlington	10760
Fratton	10464
Havelock	11200
Highland	10748
Hilsea	12056
Milton	10740
Nelson	11495
Paulsgrove	10457
St Jude	10762
St Thomas	12776

RUSHMOOR

	55780
Alexandra	3564
Belle Vue	3373
Cove	4033
Empress	3498
Fernhill	4394
Grange	3255
Heron Wood	3109
Knellwood	3543
Manor	3998
Mayfield	3712
Newport	3454
Queens	3529
St Johns	4987
St Marks	3547
Westheath	3784

SOUTHAMPTON

	157091
Bargate	9268
Bassett	11437

SOUTHAMPTON (continued)

Bitterne	9639
Bitterne Park	11510
Coxford	11965
Freemantle	10048
Harefield	10464
Millbrook	10099
Peartree	10469
Portswood	9517
Redbridge	10578
St Lukes	9672
Shirley	10078
Sholing	11599
Woolston	10748

TEST VALLEY

	76651
Abbey	3123
Alamein	5677
Anna	3084
Blackwater	3907
Bourne Valley	1579
Chilworth and Nursling	4501
Cuppersnham	4462
Dun Valley	1638
Field	1782
Harewood	2456
Harroway	5343
Kings Somborne and Michelmersh	1644
Millway	5599
Nether Wallop and Broughton	1484
North Baddesley	7099
Over Wallop	1235
Romsey Extra	2286
St Mary's	5063
Stockbridge	1317
Tadburn	3608
Tedworth	2109
Weyhill	2560
Winton	5095

WINCHESTER

	75123
Badger Farm	1869
Bishops Sutton	1000
Bishops Waltham	4621
Boarhunt and Southwick	863
Cheriton	1217
Compton	1187
Curdridge	965
Denmead	4363
Droxford, Soberton and Hambledon	2401
Durley and Upham	1123
Itchen Valley	1203
Littleton	2647

WINCHESTER (continued)

Micheldever	988
New Alresford	3928
Olivers Battery	1251
Otterbourne and Hursley	1764
Owslebury and Colden Common	3068
Shedfield	1156
St Barnabas	4009
St Bartholomew	3978
St John and All Saints	4295
St Luke	4289
St Michael	3948
St Paul	3763
Sparsholt	836
Swanmore	2011
Twyford	1080
Upper Meon Valley	1295
Waltham Chase	1572
Wickham	2220
Wonston	2778
The Worthys	3435

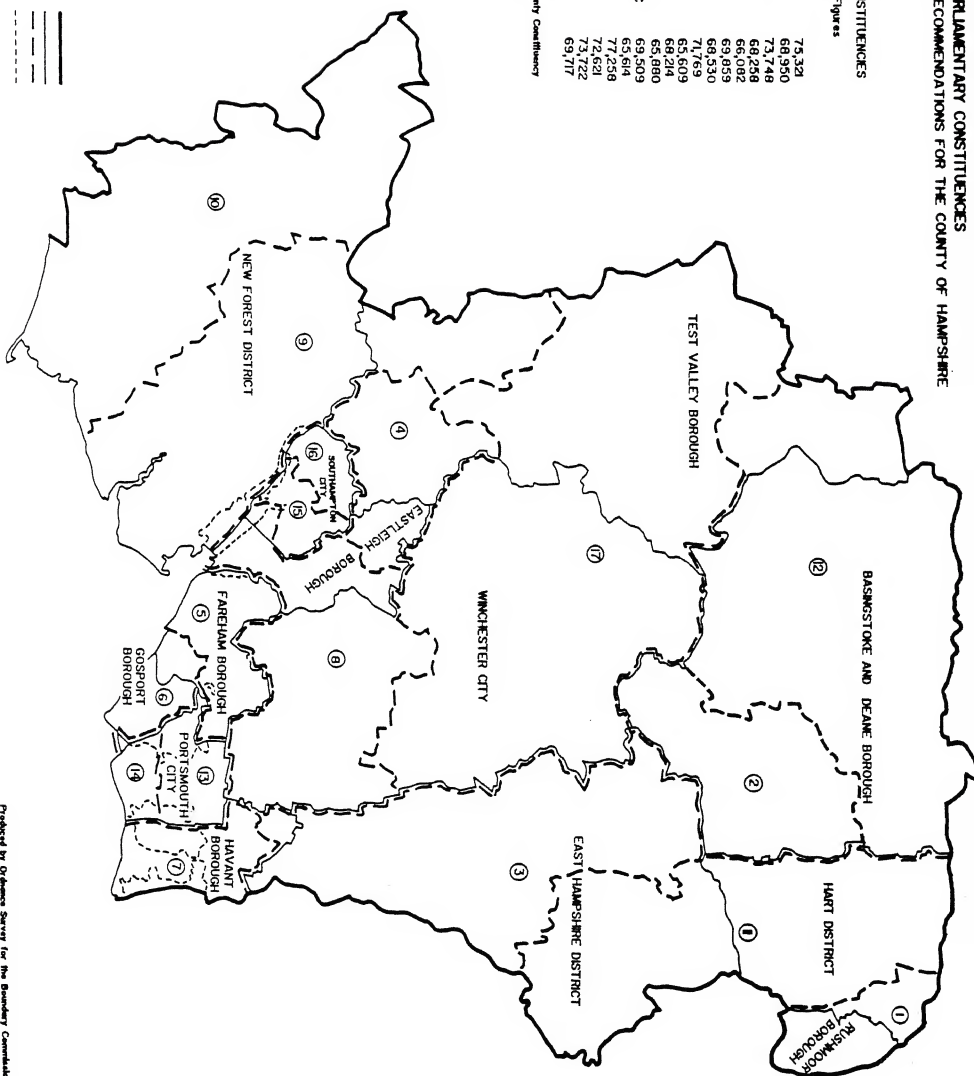
PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES REVISED PROVISIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE

REFERENCE TO PROPOSED CONSTITUENCIES

Including 1991 Electorate Figures

1	ALDERSHOT CC	75,321
2	BASINGSTOKE CC	68,950
3	EAST HAMPSHIRE CC	73,748
4	EASTLEIGH AND ROMSEY CC	68,258
5	FAREHAM CC	66,082
6	GOSPORT BC	69,959
7	HAVANT BC	69,250
8	PORTSMOUTH CITY CC	77,465
9	NEW FOREST EAST CC	61,609
10	NEW FOREST WEST CC	68,214
11	NORTH WEST HAMPSHIRE CC	65,980
12	PORTSMOUTH NORTH BC	65,614
13	PORTSMOUTH SOUTH BC	77,258
14	SOUTHAMPTON, ITCHEN BC	72,621
15	SOUTHAMPTON, TEST BC	73,722
16	SOUTHAMPTON, TEST BC	73,722
17	WINCHESTER CC	69,117

BC = Borough Council CC = County Council



COUNTY BOUNDARY
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PROPOSED PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARIES
Surrendered Water and
Parliamentary Water Course